

Elko County Agricultural Association, District #4 Aka Elko County Fair Board

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Chairman-Tony Buzzetti
Vice Chairman /Paramutuel- Goivanni Puccinelli
Racing & Executive Committee-Justin McDermott
Admissions/concessions-Kim Johnson
Stockhorse Committee- John Henry Roderick
Stockhorse Committee –Millie Wakley
Home Arts Chairman- Katie Upshaw
Stockhorse Committee- Jay Dalton



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Elko County Fair Board will meet in a regular Monthly meeting on:

Wednesday August 18 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Elko County Fairgrounds, Elko, Nevada.

If you need special accommodations to receive a copy of the agenda or to comment, please contact Secretary JJ Roemmich at 775-397-2769 or elkocountyfair@hotmail.com

The Chairman reserves the right to change the order of the agenda and if the agenda is not completed to recess the meeting and continue another specified date and time. The public can comment on any agenda item by being acknowledged by the chairperson while the fairboard considers that agenda item.

- **Call to order:**
- **Prior Meeting Minutes-** the approval of the July 14, 2021, meeting minutes. *Action Item*
- **Public Comment:** *Information Item*
Pursuant to NRS 241 this time is devoted to comments by general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.
- **2021 Fair Celebration Monthly update:** *For Information/ Possible Action*
Discussion and planning on all events for the 100-year celebration.
- **Vendor Booth Space Approvals:** *Action Item*
Discussion and consideration of several vendors want approval for booth space.
- **Concessions:** *Action Item*
Update and discussion on schedule for the concessions stand and contracted amount paid.
- **Racing- Stakes Race Reports, Race Announcer, Track Stewards, Paddock, Weigh Off Judges, Stalling, Registry and Starting Gate:** *Action Item*
Updates on the stake's races, race announcers selected, track stewards selected, paddock & weigh off judges, stalling and starting gate operations at the Elko County Fair.
- **Livestock Show & Sale:** *Action Item*
Discussion and consideration on the upcoming Livestock show and sale section of the Elko County Fair.
- **Security:** *Action Item*
Discussion and consideration of the security handling the Elko County Fair with the Elko Police Dept, Elko Sheriffs Dept and other entities that are affected.
- **Losing Ticket & Cowboy Bar:** *Action Item*
Discussion and consideration of the operations of the cowboy bar and approval to spend the money on the losing ticket barrel.
- **Grounds Report:** *For Possible Action*
Discussion and consideration of the projects that have been done and still in progress with the improvement and upkeep of the Elko County Fairgrounds.
- **Treasurers Report:** *Action Item.*
Discussion and consideration on the budget committee meeting, of the monthly financial report, present bills needing to be paid/and bills already paid.
- **Committee Reports:** *For Possible Action*
Discussion on reports from the: Office: JJ Roemmich
Home Arts/Vendors: Katie Upshaw
Stockhorse: John Henry Roderick, Tony Buzzetti, Millie Wakley, Jay Dalton
Marketing-Promotions: Daryl Santos
Racing-Paramutuel: Goivanni Puccinelli, Justin McDermott, Yolanda Duran
Admissions/Concessions: Kim Johnson
Livestock Show & Sale: Jay Dalton, Tony Buzzetti, Giovanni Puccinelli
Other Committees reporting
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Next Meetings: October 13, 2021 The Exhibit Hall, Elko County Fairgrounds @ 5:30 pm

Meeting Adjourns

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**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday July 14, 2021

5:30 pm

Exhibit Building, Elko County Fairgrounds

ELKO, NEVADA



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Buzzetti Goivanni Puccinelli Justin McDermott Amelia Wakley
Kim Johnson John Henry Roderick Katie Upshaw Jay Dalton

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF NOT PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

J.J. Roemmich, Secretary/Treasurer Daryl Santos, Marketing JT Taravella, Grounds Manager
Angela Taravella, Assistant Yolanda Duran-Parimutuel

GUESTS:

Antonia Roman-Immunize Nevada Randy Ridgeway Vicki Tybo- 4-H representative
Dawn Leyva Brian McIntosh Larry Ledinsky
Mike Christensen Chip Stone Ben & Kim McKnight
Aron Means Jon Karr

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Elko County Fair Board Chairman Tony Buzzetti called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Minutes:

Action Item

Meeting Minutes from the Regular monthly meeting June 9, 2021. Giovanni Puccinelli moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented, John Henry Roderick seconded the motion. All others approved.

Public Comment:

Information Item

Vicki Tybo Extension officer for the 4-H and she wants to know if the horse contest judge and premiums can be paid by the fairboard. There are only 6 kids in the program and the judge was a little expensive for that number of kids. The scale tech has been recertified. Send the bill to our office. Wed or Thursday night they meet with the livestock show committee. Also, the Dog show program is the same. She wants a booth at the fair to promote 4-H but wants it donated. It was stated we do not donate booth space as everyone wants a booth.

Randy Ridgeway and Jon Karr upgraded the clubhouse area. They would like to have exclusive access to that area during all the events and have that in the contract. Jon Karr also stated that due to the upgrade the fairboard can also state it has been upgraded and charge premium for that area. They will contact all the other table owners during fair to get upgraded tables and chairs for that area at about \$350.00 each. The way they have set that up in there they want their area cornered off so that people cannot just come in there and sit. Pooch stated we will have to table next year's contract and state in it they get exclusive rights. Tony stated all the businesses are big supporters of the events at the fairgrounds. The only events that currently use it are the Silver State Stampede and the Elko Co Fair.

Immunize Nevada:

For Possible Action

Antonia Roman is currently working with Immunize Nevada. They want booth space during the fair for educating residents. She would like to have a vaccine table at the fair, if not they would like an educational booth. She will not bother people who have not had a vaccine. John Henry stated that he is all for allowing people to make the choice for themselves. Pooch is more favorable for the information booth than the vaccine booth. Daryl stated that they have committed to sponsoring our event and that should be acknowledged. John Henry made the motion to accept the booth as a vaccine / educational booth. Tony stated his concern on it is if we start doing the free back to school shot's we are going to have a lot of people here just for that. Chip asked on the vaccinations and is there any age where someone cannot get a shot. Antonia stated that they must have a parent present. Tony supports the information booth and a covid vaccine but not a back-to-school immunization. With the Art in the Park they had a 8x10 or 10x10 booth and only give the vaccine to those who want it. Pooch does not want people walking around causing problems that are against vaccines. John Henry made the motion to have a covid booth and information on immunizations and shots for covid only. Katie stated we are in a space issue with vendors right now. Justin McDermott seconded the motion John Henry made offering Covid only shots and information booth. Millie, Kim and Katie opposed it passed 5-3.

Water Truck:

For Possible Action

Tony stated that the insurance and registration issues will not allow the original plan. If they are going to take it and use it they are going to have to insure it in their names and register it in their name. Justin stated the only way we can do it is to sell it to them. Mike stated we have no funds but would like to find a way to work with us to get it to work out. They have another individual wants it to water cows and they could use it from him. Jay talked about issues he has had with another entity as everything had to go through the

Water Truck (continued):

For Possible Action

state surplus auction and could not be sold private sale. Tony did not know of any rules like that with our truck. Tony stated that they could get a mutual agreement for the water truck with Gilbert and sale it to him and the executive board deal with that on the particulars. Giovanni Puccinelli made the motion to let the executive committee make the deal with Gilbert Alanis, John Henry Roderick seconded all approved.

Cattlemen's Stockmanship & Stewardship Event:

For Possible Action

Jay Dalton reported this event is happening this weekend. They are setting up corrals and will have lots to learn and it's a very good event.

ATM Contract:

For Possible Action

Tony Buzzetti reported we have been looking for ATMs to have during the fair. Katie located some with Tom Gust. But the stampede did their own thing and now the guy with the ATMs at the stampede wants to do the fair. But with Tom Gust working hard to get them. Nevada state bank has new machines, and they will supply them. JT asked about a kick back on the ATMs and we don't know and with the headaches from the previous situation it isn't really worth it from the ATM, and we benefit from it with parimutuel and having cash on site. Kim McKnight stated that we need to avoid the atm right in the gate area and have one by the bar or by the parimutuel and there is a place next to the ticket booth or by the arches. He will need to come up to the grounds early and get his spots set up. Katie Upshaw made a motion to have Tom Gust with Nevada bank and Trust to supply 2 ATMs for the fair. Justin McDermott seconded all approved.

Fair Shirts:

For Possible Action

Katie Upshaw stated that Daryl had stuff in the fair office for sale. There is ball caps and a big box of t shirts but most of the shirts are a size small. They would like to order shirts for the volunteers and concessions people in the same shirts. Tony stated the stockhorse and racing must have western attire. She has a quote for \$1,500.00 for 100 T-shirts. Need 40 shirts for volunteers and sell 60. Giovanni Puccinelli made a motion to table this to the executive committee to make the decision on for a second quote Jay Dalton seconded all approved.

2021 Fair Celebration Monthly Planning Updates:

For Information / Possible Action Item

Kim McKnight ticket sales are going slow. We have questions coming and people wanting the box seats and clubhouse tables. We must have some handicapped areas but not in front of the grandstands. Tony discussed the north end by the edge of the grass and block that off with barricades. Talk to the sheriff's department on security and we must sweep the entire area by 4pm and then have people posted at the entrances. Pooch will talk to Aitor. Kim Johnson asked about tickets the night of the concert and we are going to have to purchase tickets for the tickets purchased at the door. And have at least 3 ticket sellers. The RV's will need to be gone off the track right after the concert so that Alfonso will be there at 4 am to work the track. Chip asked about generators and Daryl responded Caterpillar Rental for the generators. Need a carnival contract locked up.

Grounds Report:

Action Item

JT Taravella reported all good. He wanted to know about having a small grandstand and pooch replied that we can't block the tally board for betting. Laurel Wachtel will get a truck load of shavings ordered and wants to know if the board will buy the remainder after the AQHA Show. The board will do that. Daryl discussed the garbage donation and the porta potty donation.

Treasurers Report:

Action Item

JJ Roemmich presented the report from June 10, 2021, to July 13, 2021. Adding the Stonerock Sound bill of \$2,500.00 to the bills to pay. Justin McDermott made the motion to approve \$35,083.11 for unpaid and paid bills. John Henry Roderick seconded; Giovanni Puccinelli abstained from voting. All other board members approved.

Committee Report:

For Possible Action Item

- **Office-** JJ reported the Fair Office opens August 9th.
- **Home Arts/Vendors-** Katie Upshaw reported she has a tent contract for the food area. \$1,658.90 for the entire second weekend. She also wanted to know if the picnic tables can be on the grass area. Some tables go in the grass area inside by the chorizo stand. Rent just chairs as we have tables. Discuss on the tables and availability. She discussed the pillars and fixing them and having it donated. Nothing else to report.
- **Stockhorse Committee:** John Henry Roderick reported we are needing another branding judge. The Stockhorse book is at the printer. Nothing else to report.
- **Marketing/Promotions:** Daryl Santos reported he has 35 ranchers paid. Restaurants are slow now and he's working on more money all the time.
- **Racing Committee:** Justin McDermott reported he has all the gate guys and need to get water truck driver. Nothing else to report.
- **Admissions/Concessions-** Kim Johnson asked about the cadet's ac unit in their stand. JT reported it is going to blow the unit if they plug in several crock pots and the ac is running. She talked to Belinda at Bonanza, we need to order 10% more of the food. Stampede ran out so they are trying to avoid that. Nothing else to report.
- **Livestock Show & Sale- Committee** meeting 5:30pm Thursday night

- **Chairman-** Tony Buzzetti discussed a letter we have been sent by an attorney in Reno suing the City of Elko and the Elko Co Fairboard over the fireworks at the Fairgrounds in 2020. We have contacted the State pool so we have representation. There is some question as to the validity of this situation and we are going through the procedures we need to.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Next Regular Meeting Date: August 18, 2021, Exhibit Building, Elko County Fairgrounds 5:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

JJ Roemmich

Jennifer JJ Roemmich *Elko County Fairboard Secretary*